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## FOOTBALL NOTES.

With only two First League games played off on Saturday, there is not a great deal of material for comment. Those who have followed this season's form so far must have been prepared for the Buffs overcoming the Hongkong Club, though few expected such a thrashing, while on the whole Kowloon did well to draw with the Engineers.

Dealing with the latter game first, it must be recorded that the new combination across the harbour improves on each appearance. On Saturday they gave the Sappers something like a fright when they ran up two goals in about ten minutes. With a slice of luck they would have doubled the score before half-time.

Remembering that the Engineers, like most military teams, generally finish pretty strong, I inclined to the view that the Kowloonists had not secured a sufficient margin at the interval to make victory assured. And so matters turned out. It was a noteworthy circumstance that all the four goals scored were obtained at one set—not the net at the foot of the slope either. But it often is the case that a team does better when playing against a slight incline than when facing the other way. The reason probably is that it is much easier to trap and control the ball against the incline.

To one who saw the Kowloon team for the first time the surprise was the excellence of the front rank. The quintette worked splendidly together. They always imparted that necessary element to goal-scoring—dash. Selfishness was most conspicuous by its absence, and the men always shot whenever there was the smallest likelihood of success. That they even yet the line is to be improved by the introduction of another new man. If so, the Kowloon forward rank will soon be one of the best in the Colony.

With the single exception of Bishop—always an erratic, unthinking player—the home halves did remarkably well. Scorer playing with dogged determination all through. He was responsible for the break up of many ugly rushes by the soldiers; indeed, he played one of the best games he has ever done in the Colony. Wilkie was quick and agile, though not quite as consistent as his brother in the front rank. This latter led to quite a discovery.

The back division of the team was not strong; had the men here been more alive one of the soldiers' goals would not have been registered. Legg was bold and courageous and did plenty of hard kicking. He will, however, have to exercise more discretion in disposing of the ball. It is as much the function of a back to see that his halves and forwards are not as it is to keep the enemies off the goal. Failure to realise this point is why the shrewd defender, who scarcely ever cares where he sends the ball as long as he gives it a mighty kick, is so popular with the crowd. The four points of the game seldom appeal to an average gathering of football spectators.

As to the Engineers, one must confess that they are not yet improving as it was anticipated they would do. It is rather hard to find the reason, too. On the whole they are a big lot of men and have plenty of opportunity for practice. Yet they are not a "living" team—"living" in the sense, for instance, that the "Buffs" are. After seeing them twice so far this season I have come to the conclusion that a little new blood will have to be introduced before they do better. Some of the old players may have to stand down and make room for younger men.

Of course on Saturday the team was not at full strength in defence, but it was not here that the incapacity was displayed. The halves were suffering a little, while there must be greater rain shown by the forwards, of whom Murrah alone played anything like a decent game. If changes are to be made they must be effected soon so as to give the component elements of the team a chance to work with knowledge of each other's style and method.

But little comment is needed on the Buffs-Hongkong match. In all departments the soldiers were superior, and they seem like carrying all before them this season. They are a remarkably well-balanced lot. The Club has yet to secure a win in the League. Before they do so they will need to improve the front rank.

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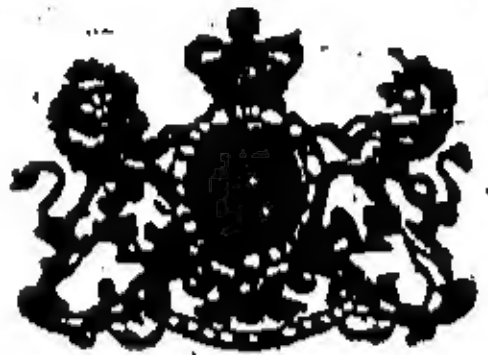
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## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous  
9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

Auctions.  
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture at No. 11, Morrison Hill Road.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture at "Dunott," No. 83, The Peak.

Amusements.  
9.15 p.m.—Performance of Harcourt's  
Circus at Kennedy Town.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, October 28:  
11 a.m.—Auction of Stock-in-Trade of  
City of Paris Dressmaking and Mil-  
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2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
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SATURDAY, October 30:  
2.30 p.m.—A Bazaar & Fancy Sale in  
Volunteer Parade Ground.

TUESDAY, November 2:  
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's  
Cathedral.

THURSDAY, November 4:  
9 p.m.—Concert at City Hall.

## The China Mail

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1909.

## THE TRAGEDY AT HARBIN.

A thrill of horror will run through  
the world to-day on hearing the news  
from Harbin. A Korean fanatic has  
killed the foremost man of all Japan.  
Iro Hirobumi, who of all the men  
who have played a part in the  
wonderful story of the last fifty  
years, made the Meiji Era (the  
Epoch of Enlightenment) at all possible  
has fallen while discharging the last  
honourable task imposed upon him by  
his loving Sovereign. Only the other  
day the venerable statesman, at the age  
of 88, resigned the onerous office  
of Resident-General of Korea and  
sought the rest he had long desired.  
But the tension of affairs in Man-  
churia, which have been growing  
steadily from bad to worse, called him  
from the scholarly retreat of Oiso and  
as our readers know he set out a few  
days ago on a tour of Manchuria,  
ostensibly as a private individual, but  
really, we should imagine, for the pur-  
pose of gathering at first hand an in-  
sight into the actual state of things  
so that afterwards he might report con-  
fidentially to the Mikado. For few  
Sovereigns ever placed such a complete  
implicit and unwavering confidence in  
their leading adviser as the  
Emperor of Japan in Prince Iro, and

that that confidence was fully deserved  
the history of modern Japan abundantly  
testifies.

Coming of the Samurai stock of Cho-  
shu, young Iro early drew the attention  
of his chieftains to his unexcelled abilities,  
and though he was too young to take an  
active share in the tumultuous do-  
ings which preceded the Restoration, he  
had early made up his mind to play a  
man's part in the uplifting of his  
nation. Along with Iwano Katsu he  
was determined to see something of  
the wonderful outside world which  
it was then death for a Japanese  
to visit. With the co-operation of the  
Yokohama manager of Jardine,  
Matheson and Company he was smug-  
gled on board an Homeward bound  
ship, having to hide among the bushes  
in Jardine's garden at the rear of their  
house on the Bund, until close on to  
midnight ere escape was possible. This  
was in 1864, but the thunder of the  
guns of Shimonoeki brought him  
back to Japan to take a part in  
the stirring doings which led up to  
the retirement of the Shogun and the  
Mikado leaving the seclusion  
of Kyoto to make Yedo his future  
Capital. In 1868, though still under  
thirty, he was appointed a Councillor  
of State and he acted as interpreter for  
the boy Emperor when the latter  
first received the foreign representatives  
in audience in the February of that  
year. From that time sprung into  
being the close intimacy which existed  
between the two men to the very end.  
If Iro's was the mind that planned it  
was the Sovereign who consented to the  
revolutionary measures which placed  
Japan where she stands to-day. What  
then shall we say of a Master who placed  
such unhesitating confidence in a servant?

Truly the one was the perfect corollary  
of the other and their joint labours are  
a standing testimony to the upright-  
ness and sterling loyalty of both.

We need not enter into a catalogue  
of the many offices which Prince Iro  
filled or detail the embassies which he  
conducted. Suffice it to say that he was  
five times Prime Minister of Japan,  
that he saw almost every empire spring  
up in the place of a medieval congeries  
of warring clans; that he gave laws and a  
constitution to this empire; that he saw  
the new Japan emerge victorious in two  
wars fought over seas; and in the  
gust of his career he could com-  
template his beloved country, erstwhile  
the least considered of nations, settling  
down comfortably to fill the rôle  
he had laid down for her and  
occupying a foremost place in the  
councils of the nations. The history  
of Iro Hirobumi is the history of  
modern Japan, for his was the hand  
which from 1865 onward principally  
guided the helm of state and enabled the  
land to weather many an oncoming storm.

This is not the time or the place to  
weigh up his merits or demerits; to  
dub him an adroit opportunist or  
the most sagacious statesman of the  
Far East. To-day we can but drop a  
tear in memory of one who was always  
a patriot, who served his Sovereign  
uprightly and steadfastly with-  
out fear of consequences to himself  
and we condole with Japan most sin-  
cerely on the irreparable loss which  
has this day befallen her. His com-  
patriot will allow us the consolation,  
we feel sure, of closing this brief notice  
of a notable career by quoting the  
immortal phrase of the greatest of Eng-  
lish poets.

He was a man  
Take him for all in all  
We shall not look upon his like again.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Dr. F. A. Cook talks of making another  
ascend of Mount McKinley in order to fetch  
the records which he says he left on the  
summit.

The crewman of the steam launch be-  
longing to the King Edward Hotel was  
sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment at the  
Magistrate's to-day, for making fast to a  
steamer.

As the French troopship Amiral  
Lacourbe is leaving Colombo the other day  
rescued by the Foreign Legion jumped  
aboard. One man was rescued by the  
breakwater light-house keeper, but the  
other man disappeared. His body was  
seen floating at the end of the breakwater  
yesterday morning.

Mr. G. J. Morris, R.E., Inspector of  
Works for Engineer Service, Scottish Com-  
mand, has been selected for duty at Hong-  
kong.

Capt. W. Loring, R.G.A., who served  
with the Heavy Brigade at Plymouth, has  
been appointed to No. 83rd Co. at Hong-  
kong.

By the retirement of Major R. de H.  
Barton, Middlesex Regiment, Major E.  
W. R. Stephenson becomes second in  
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## THE CARRIE OF PRINCE ITO.

Prince Iro was the only child of a petty  
chieftain of the Lord of Choshu. His an-  
cestry is obscure and they partly con-  
victed at his escape to England in 1864, along  
with Iwano Katsu. On returning to  
Japan, he took part in the war with  
China, and was appointed Governor of  
Hyogo at the end of the war; sent to  
Europe, 1871 with special embassy  
for revision of treaties; he was responsible  
for existing Japanese banking regulations;  
was Minister of Works, 1878; in 1881 he  
announced the inauguration of repre-  
sentative Government; 10 years later was  
despatched to Europe and America together  
with a Constitution for Japan; was  
founder of present system of Govern-  
ment in Japan; despatched to China and  
concluded the Twenty-One Demands  
Treaty with late Li Hung Chang; in  
1895, upon inauguration of Consti-  
tutional Government was President of  
House of Peers; concluded Treaty of  
Shimonoseki with late Li Hung Chang;  
established present system of peerage in  
Japan; appointed President of Privy  
Council; visited England with Prince  
Arigawa to attend late Queen's Diamond  
Jubilee; has been Prime Minister on five  
occasions, and has filled almost every  
portfolio of State; created Marquis, 1895,  
Prince, in 1905. His last official  
work of importance was the task of  
reducing order out of chaos in  
Korea. In this he was but partly suc-  
cessful, though he earned the thorough  
good-will of most of the Korean gen-  
try by the office of Resident-General.  
He was perhaps the holder of more decora-  
tions and honorary degrees than any other  
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## THE MERRY MAKERS.

A talented combination of artists from Australia, bearing the above name, is to appear at the Theatre Royal, Hongkong, early in December. The party will present a series of variety entertainments, which should prove highly popular with lovers of refined amusement. Amongst the artists are the following:—Mr. Harry Linden, comedian and entertainer; Miss Celia Sarson, classical dancer; Miss Violet Bonetta, equilibrist; Little Madge Meyers, the child soubrette; and the Rosebuds, singers and dancers.

The party hopes to open here on December 6th and remain for a week. They will then go north and probably pay a return visit. Bookings will be shortly opened at Messrs. Moutrie and Co.'s.

## THE MURDER CASE.

## All the Accused Acquitted.

The case in which five Chinese were indicted at the Criminal Sessions for murder and assault was resumed at the Supreme Court today before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. E. G. Compston) and a jury of whom Mr. J. D. Auld was foreman.

Hon. Attorney General (Mr. W. Ross Davies, C. C.) prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, and Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing) defended all the prisoners.

Addressing the jury for the defence, Mr. Potter said that the prisoners were stabbing the deceased man with knives, beating him with iron bars and generally mistreating him, it would not be consistent on the part of the jury to say they were not guilty of murder, but only of manslaughter. So it was murder or nothing; the men must be condemned to death or nothing. The Crown must prove its case beyond all shadow of doubt, especially in a case like that where the verdict meant life or death. Examining the evidence, counsel said, it was murder or nothing; the men must be condemned to death or nothing. The Crown must prove its case beyond all shadow of doubt, especially in a case like that where the verdict meant life or death.

Directing the jury, the Acting Chief Justice said this was a very serious matter as it might mean the death of human beings. He wished to warn the jury that in all criminal matters they must be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that it would be safe to convict. But he felt bound to tell them that on the whole of the evidence put together he could not help instructing them that if no further evidence were called it would be a very dangerous matter if they found any of the prisoners guilty of the charge.

Without retiring the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" in respect of all the prisoners.

The Crown did not proceed with the charge of common assault on Li Shing.

## TYPHOON DAMAGES AT MACAO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, October 25, 1908.

Our Public Works Department have set about relieving the typhoon ravage with commendable activity and the Praça Grande is assuming a less desolate aspect. From details to hand since last advice we learn that the proprietor of the Him Sao Ice Factory lost his stock under the ruins of the premises which collapsed on the new market place, his book keeper issuing by a close shave with an angry forehead wound from a stray tile. The body of a young native girl was washed ashore on the inner Praça. Nine sampans were lost. The S. S. Tai Ping was not sunk, as reported in our Thursday's issue, having only lost her funnel. The gunboat Macao was slightly damaged about the poop. Not a masted vessel was left standing and for the moment we have to do without steamship service. The huge stone lion that guarded the Barra pagoda was dislodged from its granite pedestal. On the new Praça extension the parapet line was more severely dealt with than the length along the old seaward. The identical portions now dislocated were rebuilt after a similar mishap last year and we trust it will come home as a salutary lesson to those who make it a point of whitening down contractors' limits regardless of standing evidence of the outcome in the long run of work done on the cheap. The Vigilante is back here, presumably to assist her sister boat the Argus, which is lying at about a 1,000 yards inland on the paddy fields of St. M. The owner of the land is said to have undertaken to refloat the vessel for a sum of \$800 inclusive of insurance. It is thought that the vessel will be refloated and will be ready to-morrow at flood-tide. The vessel will be relieved of her guns and all movable fittings and gear. An impromptu wet-dock will be contrived by means of a mud wall raised in the enclosure and water from the harbour pumped into this artificial basin.

The troopship Soudan left for the north to-day.

A new minister has been appointed for the Presbyterian Church at Singapore. The Rev. W. Runciman, M.A., B.D., has been minister of Longlight, Manchester, since 1906 and leaves London on November 24 to take up his duties in Singapore about the end of this year.

For truly Gibraltar anomalies, says the L. & O. Express, there is no place like China! A new case in point is provided in the fact that certain railways in China burn Japanese coal only in their locomotives, the reason being that by the terms of the agreement governing their construction and operation all materials and supplies imported from abroad for use on the railways are admitted duty free, while supplies coming from ports in China itself are subject to the inter-coastal tariff. Thus Chinese coal is penalized while Japanese coal is put at a premium. But, after all, this is only an exaggerated form of "Free Trade."

## CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM.

YOU will find a good white balm for you and your family that is equal to Chamberlain's Pain Balm. In cases of rheumatism and neuralgia it relieves the intense pain and makes sleep and rest possible. Rheumatism of the muscles, swellings and lameness are quickly relieved by its use. For sale by all chemists and stores.

## THE ARMED ROBBERY AT WEST POINT.

## Five Prisoners Plead Guilty.

The greatest credit is due to Inspector Robertson, Sergeant Grant and his men who have succeeded in capturing these men and one woman on suspicion of being concerned in the armed robbery at West Point on Friday evening. Six of them were captured in Hongkong and three at Yasmah. This morning they were brought before Mr. F. A. Hasland, at the Magistracy. The men were charged with armed robbery and cutting and wounding with intent; the woman with receiving stolen goods. Five pleaded guilty to the charge of armed robbery and the remainder pleaded not guilty. The case was remanded to the 11th inst. for trial.

Through an unfortunate error we stated that the robbery was at the Sailors' Home, whereas it should have read "near the Sailors' Home."

## A GOVERNMENT SERVANTS' DISMISSAL.

## Questions to be Asked.

At Thursday's meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett will ask the following questions:—

As it is understood that Mr. A. Carter, Sanitary Surveyor, has been retired from the Government service, will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary inform the Council when this official first received notice as to his being pensioned?

Is it not a fact that Mr. Carter was at Home on leave for nearly a twelvemonth in the full belief that he was to return to this Colony and that within five weeks of the date of the expiring of his leave (as shown in the Civil Service List) and when he was on the point of leaving England to take up his appointment here he was for the first time informed by the Colonial Office that his services were no longer required?

Will the Government, taking into consideration the fact of Mr. Carter's good service, and that owing to his age he is now no longer eligible for obtaining fresh employment in a Government or municipal office, recommend to the Secretary of State that under the exceptional circumstances of the case Mr. Carter be granted a special pension of say £150 a year as an alternative offer of re-employment have on similar conditions to those of his former post?

In the event of the Government being unable to agree to this will His Excellency consent to refer the question as now raised to the Secretary of State?

## CRICKET NOTES.

The rain again interfered with cricket on Saturday, and the game arranged on the Club Ground had to be abandoned at 4.30 owing to the steady drizzle that set in.

The game, had it been played out, would have probably given some indication as to five or six likely players to represent the Colony in the coming Interport Tourney. As things stand at present it would be extremely difficult to pick a representative side.

R. E. O. Bird was the most noticeable absentee from the Civilian side, being away assisting the Civil Service in their League encounter with the R. E. He would have proved of valuable assistance in the match on the Club ground, as the bowling at the disposal of the Club was too much of a sameness. The feature of the game as far as it went was the magnificent hitting of Capt. Baird, who placed the ball out of the ground no less than 11 times. He gave three chances. The first, when he had obtained 50 odd, was a chance in the country to R. E. O. Bird, who was slightly damaged about the poop. Not a masted vessel was left standing and for the moment we have to do without steamship service. The huge stone lion that guarded the Barra pagoda was dislodged from its granite pedestal. On the new Praça extension the parapet line was more severely dealt with than the length along the old seaward. The identical portions now dislocated were rebuilt after a similar mishap last year and we trust it will come home as a salutary lesson to those who make it a point of whitening down contractors' limits regardless of standing evidence of the outcome in the long run of work done on the cheap. The Vigilante is back here, presumably to assist her sister boat the Argus, which is lying at about a 1,000 yards inland on the paddy fields of St. M. The owner of the land is said to have undertaken to refloat the vessel for a sum of \$800 inclusive of insurance. It is thought that the vessel will be refloated and will be ready to-morrow at flood-tide. The vessel will be relieved of her guns and all movable fittings and gear. An impromptu wet-dock will be contrived by means of a mud wall raised in the enclosure and water from the harbour pumped into this artificial basin.

L. E. Brett, of the Civil Service, received a good trial as a bowler, but met with no success. It was off his bowling that Capt. Baird was missed in the country, but he never appeared to be dangerous. He would probably be left out of the team, as his fielding and batting are too weak, and his bowling is not sufficiently good enough to be of any use.

The fielding of the Civilian side was distinctly better than on the previous Saturday. The batsmen were not so good. Turner, Pearce and Edwards were particularly good. Elborough kept wicket quite well, and with further practice is likely to be as good as anyone here. The rain came on shortly after the Club commenced their innings, and they lost Elborough's wicket for 20. The game is to be continued on Wednesday (to-morrow) at 4 o'clock, weather permitting.

The R.E. easily overcame the Civil Service in their League fixture. The latter team, however, were short of Messrs. Hutchison and Brett, who were assisting the Club. Sergt. Power again got runs, and was largely responsible for his side's victory.

The players already selected for Shanghai are all old hands, Billings, V. H. Lanning and Rasmussen being bowlers, and A. E. Lanning will probably keep wicket. The latter has also been successful with the bat this year. Billings with the bat appears to have recovered some of his form of four years ago. On paper Shanghai will probably be stronger in bowling than Hongkong.

Singapore are quite an unknown quantity, as no definite news has yet been heard as to likely players able to get leave. The next week should bring some details up.

## LONG STOP.

## FOR WHOOPING COUGH.

GIVE Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will keep the cough away, soothe the throat, and relieve the chest. For sale by all chemists and stores.

## RE-OPENING OF A WELL.

## At the Tung Wah Hospital.

A letter from Messrs. Dunlop, Raim and Giblin, on behalf of the committee of the Tung Wah Hospital, was read at the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-day asking for permission to re-open the well in the grounds of the hospital. The water was not required for domestic purposes but for supplying water to a lavatory. As a result of a minute of the M.O.H. in February 1903 the committee had been informed that they must close the well forthwith and it was done. The following month permission to use the well for washing purposes had been refused. Mr. Shelton Hooper minute—Grant the application.

Then Mr. A. A. Harcourt—As I understand, we have an ample water supply considering that the well should not be opened.

Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones—I think permission for this might not be reconsidered, in view of the ample and constant supply to the town being provided by the new day's time, unless it is for the supply of lavatories.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CHINA AND POPPY GROWING.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—To those who hold an optimistic view of the speedy suppression of the opium evil the views expressed in your leader of the 23rd inst. are not only reassuring but gratifying. But to the many who are closely watching the movement they fail to provide any substantial ground upon which these rosy pictures, as depicted in the Customs reports, can be placed on a solid-built pedestal. And therefore they prefer to remain sceptics for the nonce until such assurances that can bear the light of a thorough investigation are substantiated by the mandate of the higher authorities and corroborated by our Minister and Consul.

It is necessary to find upon what grounds we stand that make the student of this question to understand a sceptic for the present moment, and it is to be hoped that the writer may not be taken as one impugning the honour of a nation, applying the surgical knife to probe deeper into the already deeply brooded wound.

It is in the absence of reliable statistics, not only of the opium trade, but of the opium trade, and it is such as the case then the whole structure of Spencer's philosophy which, after all, bears a relational value, and which is, in other words, a deduction from a study of comparative statistics by the Customs in annual statistics. There is nothing so convincing as figures and when they are reliable there can be no question of doubting their accuracy. On page 31 of the Abstract of Statistics of Returns of Trade you will observe the reduction since the past year was formed and conditions were agreed upon.

The net importation in 1907 of Foreign Opium was 54,584 piculs and in 1908, 48,397. Here is a visible reduction of about 6,000 piculs, which is a little over 12 per cent. Now in the absence of reliable statistics, which you admit has been a difficult problem to contend with by the Conference, you fall back upon the report of the Commissioners of the Imperial Maritime Customs for the optimistic views you hold regarding the reduction in the opium trade. The Chinese Government in carrying out their intention. It is impossible to fall in with such views when we are brought face to face with a solid wall of figures even if we may take it as coming from unreliable sources.

Now on page 57 of Vol. II. Report of the Delegation to the Opium Commission, you will find an attempt has been made to give a rough estimate of the total production. This is estimated to show a decrease of a little over 37 per cent. And in the very same tract there breaks out an air of suspicion of their accuracy, as these reports are based on the personal investigations of the writers, from inland postal officers, missionaries, assistants of Chinese merchants, and also on accounts received from reliable sources. It is not a standard of judgment for the reduction in the opium trade. The reduction in the opium trade is not a standard of judgment for the reduction in the opium trade. The reduction in the opium trade is not a standard of judgment for the reduction in the opium trade.

To-day history is repeated but in a modified form and the game will still be played until a definite agreement is decided upon for a reliable report of the state of affairs—then some serious—Yours, etc.

## D. B. G.

## VICTORIA CINEMATHEQUE.

Miss Ruby Collins having returned from a most successful tour in the north is again appearing nightly at the Victoria Cinematheque. Her sweet singing and clever dancing are greatly appreciated as instanced by the spontaneous applause. Encore are demanded after each "turn." Miss Geraldine, too, finds favour with her audience and is also well received.

## REV. T. B. MEYER'S IMPRESSIONS.

The Rev. T. B. Meyer, who has returned home from his far Eastern tour, has stated that he was much impressed with the progress of Christian work in the East, the progress of the evangelistic work of the China Inland Mission, of the medical mission work, and of the educational work. This last is mainly carried on by the Americans, and in addressing audiences of young Chinese in their schools, Mr. Meyer was pleased to find these students, many of whom were non-Christians, quite willing to listen to a statement of Christian truth which was addressed to the intellect. He was greatly delighted, also, with the work of the Y.M.C.A. among the young men of China. "It was quite an interesting experience to address," say, "400 young Chinese gathered in a Y.M.C.A. hall, who were respectful to Christianity and were prepared to hear a man talk who would give them credit for being religious in their own fashion."

"There has been a marvellous revolution in China since the Boxer outbreak." Since that time Peking has become quite Westernized. The Chinese are now familiar with our ways. The children no longer shout "Foreign devil!" after us. But side by side with this growth of civilization there is a decided movement in favour of "China for the Chinese." The whole trend of events—and I think that the missionaries themselves are conscious of it—is in this direction: that probably in fifteen or twenty years' time the Chinese will say to us—missionaries and teachers, and all of us—'Now we have got all that we can get out of you, you can go your way and leave us to work alone.' This does not mean that Christianity will disappear. It is too deeply rooted ever to disappear. The Chinese Christians are often as good organizers and preachers as the missionaries. It is possible, indeed, that nothing would be better for Christianity in China than for the Europeans to leave the natives, say fifteen years hence, to rely upon their own efforts."

## THE SHANGHAI AUTUMN RACE MEETING.

The North China Daily News of Saturday, October 18, says:—

The weather was fine and both tracks were fast and in splendid condition. Chief interest centred in the performances of the Leger candidates, all of which are well forward in condition and the majority of which are performing remarkably well in training. This year the race should be splendidly contested as there are at least half-a-dozen of really good ponies entered, from which the winner will be very difficult to pick. Russey, was on view early, and had a good exercise gallop over 1½ miles, in the inner course, finishing strongly with last quarter in 30.5 sec. King Cole went 1½ miles on the inside course and also put up a strong finish, with the last three-quarters of a mile in 1.40 and last quarter in 31.1 sec. China went at a slow gallop for the first mile, of a gallop over the Leger distance, but by covering the last quarter-mile in 29.3 sec. showed that he has a splendid turn of speed. Pogues had a similar gallop, but required nearly a second longer for his final quarter. Buckingham went at a fast pace over two miles, in 4.47.3, and required 0. by 2.12.3 for the last mile, 1.00.3 for the last half-mile, and 31.5 sec. for the finishing quarter. Of other Leger ponies which performed creditably, mention must be made of Dobeyick, Gaitwick, Sirius, Squeechana, Murphy, Little Gem, Rose and Missouri, whose gallops are recorded in the appended tables of times. Wye is galloping again, but on this occasion travelled at a moderate pace over the Champions' distance.

Of the Griffins, Vulcan, with Vids in the saddle, did well in a three-quarter mile sprint in 1.34.2, and had little difficulty in putting daylight between himself and his stable-companion "Viper." King of the Plains had Q. R. Burkill as pilot in a half-mile dash, which he accomplished in 1.01.4, last quarter 31.2 sec. Not went 1½ miles in 3.28.2, last quarter 32.5 sec., and is likely to pick up one of the minor races at the coming meeting. "Moth also looks and goes well and his 1½ miles in 2.20.3, last quarter 31. sec., was a sound performance. Of the Navy Cup candidates, Stadesona and Yet continue to give satisfaction, and Manchuria is also coming on nicely.

The Chinese, with Chinese of Shanghai ship honours, are looking fit and well. Gemini had a slow gallop over 1½ miles and showed a fine burst of speed in the last quarter of a mile. This pony is being constantly criticized adversely, but there seems little amiss with him. Moriak is again going well and his gallop gives every satisfaction, while Worcester is another pony which should make a bold bid for the highest honours. Sokol has put up some good performances in training and if he could be persuaded to run straight in company would have to be reckoned with on race days against the best of the opposition.

Monday, October 18.

Advantage was taken of the fine weather and a fast course by several owners to send their ponies over a distance, but few of the performances call for comment. The best gallop of the morning was that of King Cole, which went one mile, with owner pp. in 2.11, last quarter 31.4, on the inner course. Dobeyick, ridden by a mafao, went 1½ miles on the grass course in 3.40, last quarter 32.5, and though the whole time was good, his finishing quarter did not satisfy the critics. Little Gem Rose went the Leger course in 4.04, last mile 2.17, but in this case also, the last quarter in 34.4 sec., was adversely commented upon. Gemini, Mr. Campbell's second Navy Cup candidate, created a good impression by his 1½ miles gallop in 2.00.5, last quarter 28.2, in which he seemed to travel at an easy gallop, and "Viper," entered for the Maiden Stakes, went well in 1½ miles gallop in 2.04.2, last quarter 31.4. Sokol had a three-quarter mile dash in 1.38 sec. and ran very kindly.

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The Chief Justice (Sir J. Piggott) yesterday gave judgment on the question of costs in the case of Sun A Wan, who was recently discharged from Hongkong gaol under a writ for habeas corpus, but who has since been re-arrested on a further charge brought by the Chinese Government.

His Lordship held that Sun A Wan was entitled to costs, and went on to criticize the procedure adopted in the case, saying that if the Chinese extradition law was not stringent enough then it should be amended.

## PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE.

The Chief Justice gave judgment for defendant at the Supreme Court yesterday, in the case in which Ng Tak Tung sued Wong Chong Cho, as executor of the will of Ng Kw. Wan, to have an account taken of the partnership dealings between deceased and defendant in the Yuen Shing Firm, of which defendant was managing partner.

Mr. Eldon Potter asked that the costs be against the executor personally, as there was no property at all and the estate was wound up 10 years ago.

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## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

## MARSEILLES &amp; LONDON,

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR  
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

| STEAMERS | Leave<br>Colombo | Connecting Steamers<br>from Colombo to<br>MARSEILLES & LONDON | Due<br>MARSEILLES<br>(Circular)<br>3 days earlier | Due<br>LONDON<br>(London)<br>1 day later |
|----------|------------------|---|---|--|
| STEAMER  | Leave            | Steamer   | Tone  | Saturday                                 |
| ARADIA   | Feb. 6           | MAINTA  | 11000   | March 6                                  |
| ARADIA   | Feb. 19          | MAINTA  | 11000   | March 19                                 |
| ARADIA   | March 5          | MAINTA  | 11000   | March 26                                 |
| ARADIA   | March 19         | MAINTA  | 11000   | April 9                                  |
| ARADIA   | April 2          | MAINTA  | 11000   | April 23                                 |
| ARADIA   | April 16         | MAINTA  | 11000   | May 6                                    |
| ARADIA   | April 30         | MAINTA  | 11000   | May 20                                   |
| ARADIA   | May 14           | MAINTA  | 11000   | May 28                                   |
| ARADIA   | May 28           | MAINTA  | 11000   | June 11                                  |
| ARADIA   | June 11          | MAINTA  | 11000   | June 25                                  |

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said. Accommodation in the connecting steamers from Colombo is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at time of booking.

FARES TO LONDON (Including Suez):  
1st Saloon.....£71.10 Single £106.14 Return.  
2nd ".....£48.8 " £72.12 "

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WILL LEAVE FOR

## LONDON,

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

| STEAMERS | Leave<br>Hongkong | Due<br>LONDON |
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| STEAMER  | Leave             | Due           |
| SYRIA    | January 26        | March 18      |
| SUMATRA  | February 9        | March 31      |
| NYANZA   | February 23       | April 14      |
| SUNDA    | March 7           | April 28      |
| MAITA    | March 21          | May 11        |
| BAUDINIA | April 4           | May 25        |
| NOBE     | April 18          | June 8        |

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sails 1909.  
s.s. Hongkong Maru - 6000 tons gross Oct. 26th, at noon.  
s.s. Manshu Maru - 5000 " " Dec. 10th, at noon.  
s.s. America Maru - 6000 " " Feb. 5th, at noon.  
For particulars apply to  
K. MATSUDA, Manager.  
TOYO KISEN KAISHA, Yokohama, Japan.

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HIGHEST-Class, fastest and most luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having splendid Accommodation for First-Class Passengers. Electric Light and First-Class Cuisine.

| STEAMSHIP | FOR                     | LEAVING                          |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| HAIMAN    | SWATOW.                 | WEDNESDAY, 27th Oct., at 10 a.m. |
| HAIMAN    | SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW. | FRIDAY, 29th Oct., at 10 a.m.    |

For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, November 17, 1909.

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WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

| STEAMER    | FROM     | EXCEEDS<br>ON OR<br>ABOUT | WILL LEAVE FOR | ON OR ABOUT         |
|------------|----------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| TJILATJAP. | JAVA     | Second half of Oct.       | SHANGHAI       | Second half of Oct. |
| TJILWONG.  | JAVA     | Do.                       | JAPAN          | Do.                 |
| TJIPANAS.  | SHANGHAI | Do.                       | JAVA           | First half of Nov.  |
| TJIBODAS.  | JAPAN    | Do.                       | JAVA           | Second half of Nov. |
| TJIMAH.    | JAVA     | Second half of Nov.       | SHANGHAI       | Second half of Nov. |
| TJIKINI.   | JAVA     | Do.                       | JAPAN          | Do.                 |

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Yokohama No. 375.

Yokohama, 1st Floor.

## CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

| Steamship | Tone | Captain      | For    | Sailing Date                |
|-----------|------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| GUBI      | 2540 | W. R. Almond | Manila | SATURDAY, Oct. 30, at Noon. |
| SAFRO     | 2640 | R. Bodger    | Manila | SATURDAY, Nov. 6, at Noon.  |

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

## Shipping.

## PENINSULAR &amp; ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## S.S. 'MACEDONIA,'

10,500 tons,

CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR

MARSEILLES AND LONDON, Via BOMBAY,

WILL leave Hongkong on MARCH 19th, 1910, staying

at Bombay 24 hours only and is due to arrive at—

MARSEILLES.....April 16th.

LONDON.....April 23rd.

FARES TO LONDON—

1st Saloon.....£71.10 Single £106.14 Return.

2nd ".....£48.8 " £72.12 "

For further Particulars apply to  
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 18, 1909.

## THE EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

MAIL SERVICE.

TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE.

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

| STEAMERS | Leave<br>HONGKONG<br>FROM AUSTRALIA | Leave<br>HONGKONG<br>FOR AUSTRALIA |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ALDENHAM | Oct. 19.                            | 10th Nov., at Noon.                |
| EMPIRE   | Nov. 16.                            | 28th Dec., at Noon.                |
| EASTERN  | Dec. 13.                            | 5th Jan., at Noon, 1910.           |

These Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A daily qualified Doctor and Stewards are carried. For further particulars, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1909.

## THOS. COOK &amp; SON.

TOURIST, STEAMSHIP &amp; FORWARDING AGENTS

BANKERS, etc.

HEAD OFFICE:—LUDGATE CIRCUS, LONDON, E.C.

SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

TOURS arranged to ALL PARTS of the World.

BAGGAGE collected, forwarded and insured at lowest rates.

LETTERS OF CREDIT and CIRCULAR NOTES ISSUED and CASHED.

FOREIGN MONIES exchanged.

OFFICIAL AGENTS for the OBERAMTERGAU PASSION PLAYS of 1910.

Head Office for the Far East: 16, DES VOGES ROAD, HONGKONG.

Japan Office: 14, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA.

Hongkong, April 4, 1908.

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## Shipping.

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

VIENNA AND TRIESTE Direct, Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, CANTON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the East, Red Sea, India, China, Japan, etc., via Suez and Aden.)

THE Company's Steamship  
AUSTRIA,  
Captain G. G. G. will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 28th inst., at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight apply to  
SANDER, WHEELER & CO.,  
Agents,  
Princes' Buildings,  
Hongkong, October 25, 1909.

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## SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY.

SHORTEST AND QUICKEST ROUTE BETWEEN THE FAR EAST AND EUROPE, VIA DAIRIN.

SUMMER SCHEDULE.

THREE WEEKLY EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICE, composed of 6 specially equipped Sleeping, Dining and 1st class Cars, operated between Dairen and Changchun in connection with the Trans-Siberian Express Train; and with the Dairen-Shanghai Direct Steamer Service by the S.S. 'Kobe Maru' and 'Sakiko Maru' (5,877 tons each), as follows—

NORTH-BOUND.

| Leave—Shanghai (Steamer) | Arrive—Dairen | Thursday<br>Saturday<br>Sunday | Saturday or Sunday<br>Monday or Tuesday<br>Wed. |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Ar. Mukden               | 11 a.m.       | "                              | "   |
| Ar. Changchun            | 8.50 p.m.     | "                              | "   |
| Ar. (Steamer Train)      | 8.15 p.m.     | "                              | "   |
| Ar. Harbin               | 5 a.m.        | "                              | "   |
|                          | 8.55 a.m.     | "                              | "   |
|                          | 3 p.m.        | "                              | "   |

Connecting at Harbin with

State Express for Moscow.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 26th at 6.0 a.m.—Black Ball hoisted.

At 12.10 p.m.—The typhoon reached the coast, probably about half way between Macao and Kwong-chau-wan, near six o'clock this morning.

The barometer is rising in Hongkong, while it has fallen slightly in Shanghai. Pressure has given way quickly over W. Japan, a depression which passed over the E. coast of China last night having approached the neighbourhood of Korea Straits.

The highest pressure is shown over E. Japan.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: S. winds moderating; weather improving; to moderate.

2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: S.E. and E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Cyclonic gales.

TO-day's Advertisements

LOST.

A Fair Sized Brown and White FOX-TERRIER DOG on the evening of Saturday, 23rd instant, in the neighbourhood of Wanchai. Last seen in Arenal Street.

J. C. JOUGHIN, 2, Morrison Hill, Hongkong, October 26, 1909. 134

ORGAN RECITAL

ST. JOHN CATHEDRAL

TUESDAY, Nov. 2nd, at 5.30 p.m.

Passages: Each. (Singing and Organ).....Mendelssohn. To the Spring.....Grieg. The Storm.....Lamenza. Crossing the Bar (Quartet).....Barnby.

This is the first recital of a series to be given on the first Tuesday of each of the Winter Months.

Hongkong, October 26, 1909. 1338

FRESH AUSTRALIAN

COOKING

BUTTER

AT

55 cents per Pound.

H. BUTTONJEE & SON,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

ARABIAN APCAR.

On the 27th October, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

This steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified Doctor.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN. (Occupying 24 days).

Steamers leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.

Return tickets are available by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Steamers.

For freight or passage apply to FRANK SASSON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, October 26, 1909. 1332

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK (With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast).

THE Steamship

WYNERIC.

will be despatched for the above Ports on the 27th October, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 26, 1909. 1336

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, October 26, 1909.

On London.....1/11

On demand.....1/12

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